

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 3, 2015

Session 15-02 a Regular Meeting of the Library Advisory Board was called to order by Vice Chair Patricia Utley at 5:02 p.m. on March 3, 2015 at the City Hall Conference Room located upstairs at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS UTLEY, STROBEL, ALDERFER, SMITH, AND BRAUND

STAFF: LIBRARY DIRECTOR DIXON
DEPUTY CITY CLERK KRAUSE

AGENDA APPROVAL

Vice Chair Utley requested a motion to approve the agenda.

ALDERFER/SMITH – MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

There was no discussion.

The agenda was approved as presented by a consensus of the Board members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There was no public present.

RECONSIDERATION

There were no items for reconsideration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting on February 3, 2015

Vice Chair Utley requested a motion to approve the minutes.

SMITH/ALDERFER – MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VISITORS

There were no visitors scheduled for this meeting.

STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOROUGH REPORTS

A. Friends Report

Library Director Dixon provided a brief synopsis of the meeting. Most of the discussion was focused on the clearing project and the development of that land.

B. Next Friends Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Board member Alderfer will try to attend that meeting.

C. Directors Report and Monthly Statistics –

Library Director Dixon provided a summary of her report for February. Ms. Dixon distributed the statistics.

Library Director Dixon reported on the following:

- Attendance and circulation is way up making her very nervous on what to expect this summer
- Maintenance personnel remodeled the closets to accommodate the new folding chairs that they purchased
- Gas fireplace is operational, this can be used at anytime
- Legislature is planning on cutting the Best Beginnings, OWL and Life Homework Help Funding

An intense discussion ensued on what could the Board members do to advocate for these valuable programs after Library Director Dixon explained that in losing the funding for these programs it would mean the loss of early literacy programs for children, students of all ages would not be able to get the needed assistance with schoolwork and the cost of internet would rise. They would lose federal monies.

After many suggestions it was agreed by consensus that Vice Chair Utley would submit an email on behalf of the Board to Senator Stevens and Representative Seaton advocating for the funding to remain.

D. Facilities Report

There was nothing further to report.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no items for public hearing.

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Changing the Membership Makeup of the Board to Allow for Additional Non-City Residents

Chair Utley brought the item to the floor for discussion and inquired if the Board was willing to amend and resubmit to Council.

Staff brought up briefly the discussion and hesitation by Council to approve the request to have 4 non-city residents on the board making decisions about a city funded library.

After a thoughtful discussion it was determined to postpone the request and see if a previous applicant was interested since they currently had one vacancy.

B. Library Policy Review – Collection Development Policy
1. Homer Public Library Policy Status Chart

Vice Chair Utley brought the Collection Development to the floor for discussion by inquiring if there were any comments or items in the policy that the Board members wanted to discuss.

A brief round of discussion by the board on how well prepared and written, the length of the policy, citations noted ensued.

STROBEL/SMITH - MOVED TO APPROVE THE COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY AS PRESENTED.

There was a brief discussion on wording but no changes were recommended.

VOTE. YES. BRAUND, ALDERFER, UTLEY, SMITH, STROBEL

Motion carried.

C. If Money Were No Object What Would You Like for the Library?

Vice Chair Utley explained where she was in the process of the project and hopes to have this completed by the May 5, 2015 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Next Meeting Deliverables and Discussion Topics

The following was requested and briefly discussed:

- Board Elections
- Protection of the Valuable Artwork Collection
 - Why and How did it Get into the Library
- Rare Books at the Library
- Updated Library Policy Chart

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Strategic Plan
- B. 2014 Board Member Attendance at Council Meeting
- C. 2015 Regular Meeting Schedule

There was no discussion on the informational materials.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There was no audience present.

COMMENTS OF CITY STAFF

Ms. Krause commented on the upcoming Highland Games and wanted to ask if there was anyone interested in performing or participating in the Fairytale Story Walk that they are looking had having at this year's Highland Games. Ms. Krause provided a brief concept of the idea.

Ms. Dixon had no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBER

There was no Council member in attendance.

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

There was no comments from the Vice Chair.

COMMENTS OF THE BOARD

There were no comments from the board members.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, and Alaska.

RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Approved:_____